



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Benito et al.)	<u>PATENT</u>
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Serial No.:	10/009,980)	Attorney Docket
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Filed:	November 8, 2001)	(8057/84086)
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For:	MOLECULAR METHODS FOR)	
	DETECTING GUAR GUM ADDITIONS)	
	TO LOCUST BEAN GUM)	Group Art No.
)	1637
Examiner:	Teresa A. Strelecka)	

REPLY AND AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Official Action mailed on February 23, 2005, for which a Petition for an Extension of Time and its required fee are enclosed.